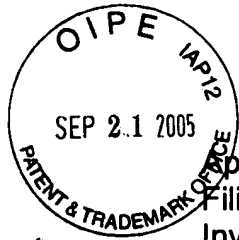


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**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO PROVIDE CO-PENDENCY
FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
IN RESPONSE TO 03/21/2005 OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005, Applicant herein requests a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) to provide required co-pendency in order to file a divisional patent application.

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A Petition for Extension of Time is also being submitted herewith, along with
authorization to charge the extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-0925.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 9/21/05

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